

Case # 3:25-cv-00280-MMD-CLB

**ORDER GRANTING
VERIFIED PETITION FOR
PERMISSION TO PRACTICE
IN THIS CASE ONLY BY
ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED
TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT
AND DESIGNATION OF
LOCAL COUNSEL**

FILING FEE IS \$250.00

VS.

Defendant(s).

1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

(firm name)

21030

(zip code)

(Email address)

to provide legal representation in connection with

Rev. 5/16

6. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give particulars if ever denied admission):

None

7. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

Maryland State Bar Association, Maritime Law Association of the United States

8. Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 11-2 (formerly LR IA 10-2) during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
None			

(If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

9. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

10. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.

11. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

1 That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court
 2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

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 4 STATE OF Maryland)
 5 COUNTY OF Baltimore)
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Petitioner's signature

J. Stephen Simms

7 J. Stephen Simms, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:
 8 That the foregoing statements are true.

Petitioner's signature

J. Stephen Simms

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 10 Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11 6th day of JUNE, 2025.

Debra M. Hnat

Notary Public or Clerk of Court
 DEBRA M. HNAT

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND
 My Commission Expires March 17, 2028

16 **DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO
 17 THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.**

18 Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner
 19 believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate Brooks T. Westergard,
 20 (name of local counsel)
 21 Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the
 22 above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of
 23 said designated Nevada counsel is:

100 West Liberty Street, Suite 940
 (street address)

Reno
 (city)

Nevada
 (state)

89501
 (zip code)

775-343-7510
 (area code + telephone number)

bwestergard@dickinsonwright.com
 (Email address)

1 By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes
2 agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations
3 binding on all of us.
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5 **APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL**
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7 The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) Brooks T. Westergard as
8 his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.
9 (name of local counsel)

10 *Derek Reed*

11 (party's signature)

12 Lauritzen Bulkens A/S, by Gard A/S

13 (type or print party name, title)

14 Derek Knut Reed, Senior Attorney

15 (party's signature)

16 (type or print party name, title)

17 **CONSENT OF DESIGNEE**

18 The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.
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Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature

21 Nevada Bar No. 14300

22 Bar number

BWestergard@dickinsonwright.com

Email address

23 APPROVED:

24 Dated: this 13th day of June, 2025.
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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J. Stephen Simms – List of Bar Memberships
As of June 6, 2025

Bar Code / ID	Jurisdiction	Date of Admission/Status
None	U.S. Supreme Court	10/21/2002 Active
None	U.S. Court of Federal Claims	11/22/2006 Active
None	U.S. Court of International Trade	01/19/1984 Active
382388	U.S. District Court - District of Columbia	09/14/1992 Active
04269	U.S. District Court - Maryland	08/16/1985 Active
None	U.S. District Court – Northern Illinois	12/21/1983 Active
None	U.S. District Court – N.Y. Western District	12/21/2015 Active
None	U.S. Court of Appeals - 2nd Circuit	02/01/2010 Active
None	U.S. Court of Appeals – 3rd Circuit	10/02/1985 Active
None	U.S. Court of Appeals – 4th Circuit	10/18/1985 Active
None	U.S. Court of Appeals - 5th Circuit	07/18/2002 Active
None	U.S. Court of Appeals – 7th Circuit	12/30/1983 Active
None	U.S. Court of Appeals – 9th Circuit	11/30/2005 Active
None	U.S. Court of Appeals – 11th Circuit	09/12/1995 Active
53972	U.S. Court of Appeals – D.C. Circuit	02/15/2012 Active
382388	D.C. Court of Appeals	09/12/1995 Active
6185958	Illinois Supreme Court	11/09/1983 Inactive
198-512-010-574	Maryland Court of Appeals	12/20/1985 Active

Supreme Court of Maryland

Annapolis, MD



CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

STATE OF MARYLAND, ss:

I, Gregory Hilton, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Maryland, do hereby certify that on the twentieth day of December, 1985,

John Stephen Simms

having first taken and subscribed the oath prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of this State, was admitted as an attorney of said Court, is now in good standing, and as such is entitled to practice law in any of the Courts of said State, subject to the Rules of Court. This certificate of good standing is valid through the fifth day of August, 2025.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk, and affixed the Seal of the Supreme Court of Maryland, this sixth day of June, 2025.

Gregory Hilton

Clerk of the Supreme Court of Maryland